

A House A Home

Eph 2:19-22

Consequently, you are no longer foreigners and strangers, but fellow citizens with God's people and also members of his household, built on the foundation of the apostles and prophets, with Christ Jesus himself as the chief cornerstone.

In him the whole building is joined together and rises to become a holy temple in the Lord. And in him you too are being built together to become a dwelling in which God lives by his Spirit.

We are a PEOPLE OF POWER

A HOUSE OF PRAYER,

an AUTHENTIC COMMUNITY,

and JOYFUL WITNESSES to

the KINGDOM OF GOD here on earth

PMC has been worshipping and serving God
in Pasir Ris since 1994.

Our name, Pentecost, signifies the power of
the Holy Spirit given to all believers for the
purpose of witnessing to God's reality in this
world.

In PMC, we seek to be disciples of Jesus
Christ who experience
God's power in prayer,
God's love in community, and
God's joy in witness.

How many pastors have served PMC in the last 84 years? And how many Pastors-in-Charge?

29 pastors in 84 years
(starting 1932)

15 Pastor-In-Charge

Our History

1932 On Pentecost Sunday, 15 May, the first Peranakan worship service was held. Twelve people attended. Rev Chew Hock Hin was the appointed pastor.

1936 The church was constituted as Geylang Straits Chinese Methodist Church.

Bedok Methodist Church
Pentecost Methodist Church
Christ Methodist Church

1937 Sunday School continued to grow. Epworth League (Methodist Youth Fellowship) and the **Ladies' Aid Society of Christian Service** were also established. (Women Foreign Missionary Society 1869)

These small groups of women met regularly for prayer, Bible study and fellowship. The Chinese-speaking women were members of the Dorcas Society while the English, Malay and Tamil-speaking women were members of the Ladies Aid Society. The names of the two societies were later changed to Women's Society of Christian Service (WSCS) in 1940.

WSCS observances, programs and common study materials were initiated to promote its work. **Areas of ministry such as the prison ministry, care for the blind, the sick in hospital, the educationally sub-normal girls and women in crisis were identified to create opportunities for the WSCS women to serve God by serving the less fortunate**

1942 The church building was acquired by the Japanese military during the war. **Members remained faithful, meeting and worshipping in the pastor's and members' homes.**

When the political situation in Singapore was more stabilised, Geylang Straits Chinese Methodist Church, and the other churches, returned to use the church building. A male vocal singing group was formed, which **visited homes during the week to sing praises and share the Lord's message.**

1951 Church membership reached 322. Outreach efforts developed rapidly and by end 1952, membership stood at 365.

1956 The first English congregation was launched and an adult choir formed.

1957-62 Church was established at Koon Seng Road

1964 Geylang Straits Chinese Methodist Church was renamed Pentecost Methodist Church on 18 July.

1971 Membership was 663. There were no paid office staff. Sunday worship bulletins and monthly newsletters were edited, printed and mailed by members who worked joyfully together.

1976 The "I Care" programme was launched. Members were mobilised and trained to meet the needs of other church members.

1977 Outreach programmes were initiated. The musical "SHARE" was presented.

1981 An inaugural Mandarin worship service was held on 8 March. A church-wide small group ministry was also introduced. **Members were formed into small groups**, called "hope cells" for discussions, study, prayer and praise.

1982 On PMC's 50th Anniversary, membership stood at 708. It was time to expand physically again.

1984 The church adopted the theme "Unity and Growth" Each member was to develop spiritually and work together for the expansion of God's Kingdom.

1985 The first of many family camps to come was held in Masai, Johor Bahru. Participants coming together for a spiritual retreat to learn, meditate, pray and worship.

1986 A second English Sunday worship service was started **to meet the changing profile of the congregation**. It was non-traditional in format to meet the needs of the young, including grandchildren of the Peranakan congregation.

1992 We became the official owner of the Pasir Ris site with the full sum of \$2.3 million paid to HDB. The groundbreaking ceremony at the site was held on 1 November. Officiated by Bishop Ho Chee Sin, **the short service was marked by the planting of a Chiku tree.** The church's first Christmas at Pasir Ris - "Christmas at the Park"- was celebrated in December at the open grounds of the site.

1994 The Consecration Service of the church in Pasir Ris was held on 23 October

1995 PMC adopted the Sundanese people (an unreached group of 31 million) in West Java in March.

1996 PMC Kindergarten was launched to reach out and minister to the needs of young children and families in the new neighbourhood. Mandarin Sunday worship service was started on 1 September.

1999 A "community penetration initiative" commenced with PMC adopting Pasir Ris Zone 3 for reaching out to serve the people.

2002 A ten-year vision for the church was painted, committing PMC to raising faithful disciples who care for one another and reach the community for Jesus Christ. The whole church was mobilized. "Every Member A Disciple" became our church's slogan

2003 We adopted the Tampines Family Service Centre through our partnership with the Methodist Welfare Service. The Missions Committee set the goal to send four teams a year to the COSI Orphanage in Cambodia. We continued our partnership with the Sundanese people.

2004 Our membership crossed 1000 in May.

2005 We kicked off a church renovation and extension project to **better address the diverse needs of a growing congregation and to be equipped for greater community involvement within Pasir Ris.**

Fund raising activities were planned and organized over the next two years.

2016

Jan. A crisis in my home and PMC came to the rescue.

2016 Another milestone. PMC has to raise S\$5 million in the next 18 months to secure the land lease for another 30 years.

Summary

Looking at the past and how the Lord has led PMC, **ask**

- What is still going strong?
- What is still happening but waning?
- What has died or forgotten and needs to be revived again?
- What is my part in this?

Summary:

- 1.It was a church that met in homes. The church building was a weekly family reunion.
- 2.It was a church that took time to visit each other to bring encouragement and God's word of blessing.
- 3.It was a church that took initiative and was carried by many willing and joyful volunteers.
- 4.It was a church that members voluntarily took care of one another

Summary:

5. It was a church that met in small groups. Members recognized the importance of “I need you”
6. It was a church that was willing to change to adapt to new diversities.
7. It was a church that has adopted the Sundanese People Group in West Java and Pasir Ris Zone 3.
8. It was a church that called themselves "Every Member A Disciple"

Pillars of Pentecost Methodist Church

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How will PMC look like in
the next 30 years?

Closing

1. Is PMC your family Church?
2. What is your contribution to family unity and expression of who God is?
3. What is your role in fulfilling God's mission for PMC?